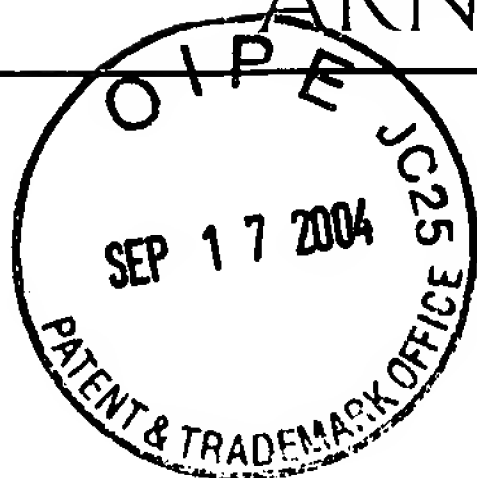


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Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: M.A. Moran

Re: U.S. Application No. 09/815,264 filed March 23, 2001  
Title: Genomic Plant Sequences and Uses Thereof  
Applicants: Andrey A. BOUKHAROV *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 16517.006

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form SB/30;
2. Amendment in Conjunction with Request for Continued Examination; and
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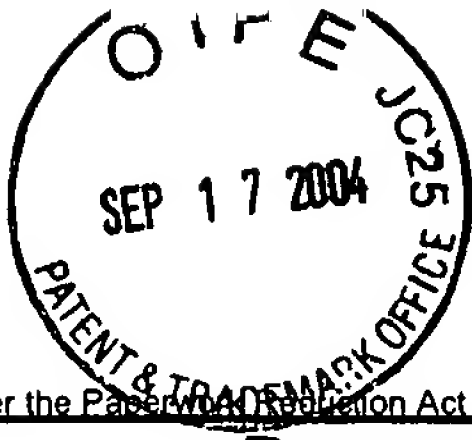
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Holsten".

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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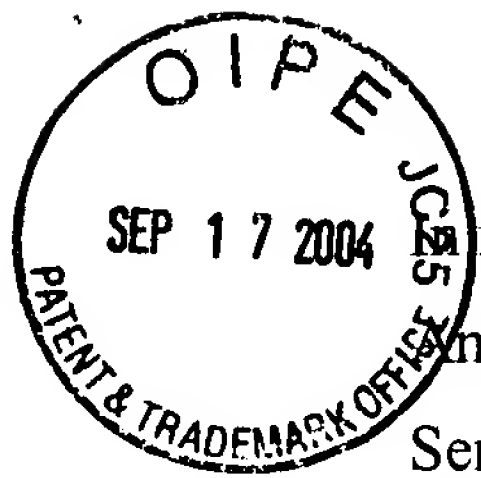
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Sir:

In conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office herewith, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.